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Reference: Application Number 10/644,276. Filed 8/20/2003  
Telephone conversation with Mrs. Robinson in your office, on 5/10/05 at 11:15AM PST.

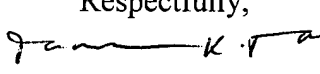
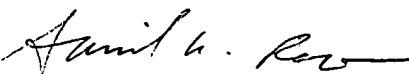
Dear Sir,

Today, I called the inventors assistance center to find out the status of my above referenced application about which I have had no communication at all from your office since 11/12/2003. I talked with a Mrs. Robinson in your office today [5/10/05 at 11:15 AM PST], who was surprised to see that the application is still at the initial stage and has not moved at all. She indicated that she will e-mail the relevant group in your office and get this moving.

To my knowledge, I have provided the information required in a timely manner, including all the missing parts, paid the fees and I am waiting my turn for the application to be examined. The last message from your office was a notice to pay an additional fee of \$18 dated November 12, 2003. The payment was made by me by check on 11/14/2003 for which I have a postal receipt that states that your office received the communication on 11/17/2003. Since then, I have received no office communication from you. Today, I was surprised that my application has is still in your office and has not moved after over 1.5 years from its initial stage.

I respectfully request that the application be accorded proper priority and processed expeditiously. I would appreciate a response from your office.

Respectfully,

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